

Remarks/Arguments

In the first Office Action herein, which Action was dated March 8, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, inclusive, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,827,195 to Lander in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,230,048 to Sylvester et al., and indicated the allowability of claims 6-9, inclusive. Additionally, the Examiner objected to claims 5 and 9 because of the use therein of the term "STT" respecting which the Examiner did not find a definition contained within the specification.

By the present Amendment, changes are proposed in the specification and claims in this application which are believed to place all claims now remaining in this case, on the basis of entry of this Amendment, in conditions for immediate formal allowance.

To begin with, the term "STT" is a well-known term in the relevant art -- a term which refers to the ST-T portion of the ECG waveform. In order to make it very clear that this definition is indeed what is meant by the term "STT", an appropriate parenthetical definition has been added to page 1 in the specification.

Without agreeing with the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-5, inclusive, based on the proposed combination of the two cited and applied prior art references, applicants, by the present Amendment, have cancelled claims 2-9, inclusive, without prejudice, have currently amended claim 1 to introduce therein the limitations present in originally presented claim 6, and have entered new claims 10, 11 and 12 which effectively place originally presented claims 7-9, inclusive, respectively, into independent claim forms.

Accordingly, with entry of the changes proposed by the present Amendment, originally presented claims 6-9, inclusive, have been rewritten into independent claim forms, and should now be formally allowed.

Favorable reconsideration is of the application, and early formal allowance of all claims remaining now in this application on the basis of entry of this Amendment, are respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment or

remarks, the Examiner is invited to contact Attorney-of-Record Jon M. Dickinson, Esq., at (503)504-2271.

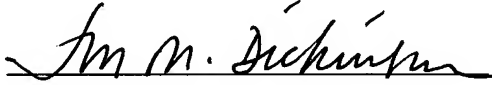
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